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U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

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1. SUMMARY. JOINT COMMITTEE OF U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE  
MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM CONCLUDED ITS 14TH MEETING ON  
JULY 21 IN TOKYO. SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WAS REPORTED IN  
SEVEN AREAS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESEARCH. ADDITION  
OF NEW RESEARCH PANEL ON HEPATITIS WAS AGREED TO IN  
PRINCIPLE. SIDE CONVERSATIONS PRODUCED ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION ON JAPANESE VIEWS OF OVERALL HEALTH  
AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY USG AND ON USE OF AUSRIA II TEST  
(ABBOTT LABS) FOR DETECTION OF HEPATITIS B ANTIGEN.  
END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE AUSPICES OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, 14TH MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF U.S.-JAPAN  
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COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM WAS HELD IN TOKYO  
JULY 20-21, WITH CO-CHAIRMEN DR. IVAN L. BENNETT, JR.,  
AND DR. TOSHIO KUROKAWA PRESIDING. OPENING ADDRESSES  
WERE MADE BY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND EMBASSY  
SCIENCE COUNSELOR. LARGE EVENING RECEPTIONS WERE HOSTED  
BY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EMBASSY DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF MISSION.

3. MEETING WAS PRECEDED BY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 19 AND BY TWO-DAY SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM ON HEPATITIS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS JULY 17-18. BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL ASSESSMENTS OF BILATERAL HEPATITIS SYMPOSIUM INDICATED THAT IT WAS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS, WITH STRONG COMMUNITY OF SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS AND APPROACHES BEING DEMONSTRATED.

4. AT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, DETAILED SCIENTIFIC REPORTS WERE PRESENTED ORALLY AND IN WRITING ON WORK OF SEVEN EXISTING PANELS OF PROGRAM. REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO USG AGENCIES AND PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS UPON RETURN OF AMERICAN DELEGATION MEMBERS TO U.S.

5. TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS HIGHLIGHTED BUT WERE NOT LIMITED TO FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

A. IN TREATMENT OF CHOLERA AND OTHER DIARRHEAL DISEASES, IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT SUCROSE (COMMON SUGAR) IS AS EFFECTIVE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS AS THE MORE EXPENSIVE AND LESS AVAILABLE GLUCOSE IN SOLUTION WITH SALT AND BICARBONATE FOR MITIGATION OF ACUTE DEHYDRATION RESULTING FROM THESE DISEASES. THIS FINDING WILL GREATLY EXPAND AVAILABILITY OF THIS SIMPLE TREATMENT IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS OF THE WORLD WHERE CHOLERA IS PREVALENT AND WHERE COST AND SIMPLICITY OF TREATMENT ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS.

B. PROPHYLACTIC DOSES OF DOXYCYCLINE (A TETRACYCLINE) ADMINISTERED DAILY ARE 80 PER CENT EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING TRAVELER'S DIARRHEA IN AFRICA. TOXOGENIC E. COLI ARE UNIFORMLY SENSITIVE TO THIS DRUG. THIS PROPHYLAXIS MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING TRAVELER'S DIARRHEA IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHERE BACTERIAL INFECTIONS OTHER THAN TOXOGENIC E. COLI ARE THE CAUSE.

C. SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGENESIS AND CARCINOGENESIS PANEL IN DEVELOPING THE USE OF A WILD FLOWER (TRADESCANTIA PALUDOSA) AS AN INDICATOR FOR PRESENCE OF MUTAGENS IN AMBIENT AIR. SYSTEM HAS BEEN TESTED IN U.S. AND IS NOW BEING APPLIED IN JAPAN. SYSTEM IS EASY TO USE, REQUIRES NO AIR SAMPLE PREPARATION, AND IS MOST SENSITIVE DEVELOPED SO FAR FOR DETECTION OF MUTAGENS IN AIR.

D. U.S. AND JAPANESE SCIENTISTS EACH HAVE DEVELOPED

PROMISING RABIES VACCINES. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO TEST THE VACCINES IN COMPARATIVE STUDIES BY THE JAPANESE IN THAILAND.

6. JOINT COMMITTEE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE, TO ESTABLISH NEW PANEL ON HEPATITIS, THE FIRST ADDITION TO THE PROGRAM IN SEVERAL YEARS. PANEL WILL NOT BECOME OPERATIVE UNTIL TWO SIDES OBTAIN NECESSARY FUNDING. TENTATIVE PLANS FOR PANEL SCOPE INCLUDE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES IN EAST AND

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SOUTHEAST ASIA, DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF VACCINES AND EXCHANGE OF REAGENTS, ANTIVIRAL THERAPY, STUDIES OF HEPATITIS VARIANTS OTHER THAN A AND B TYPES, AND BIOCHEMICAL AND ANTIGENIC CHARACTERIZATION OF HEPATITIS VIRUS COMPONENTS.

7. JOINT COMMITTEE AGREED TO COMMUNIQUE ON ITS MEETING ON JULY 21. TEXT SENT REFTEL.

8. BEGIN LOU. AT INSTIGATION OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DR. KRAUSE (NIH/NIID), MR. WALSH (OES/ENP/EN), AND SCICOUNS MET WITH KANEDA, SAITO, AND NOSE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION TO DISCUSS LONG-PENDING U.S.-JAPAN UMBRELLA AGREEMENT ON HEALTH, BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH, AND REHABILITATION. (MHW OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY HAD DROPPED

HINTS THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN RESUMING DISCUSSIONS). MEETING DID NOT RESULT IN ANYTHING MORE THAN AGREEMENT THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE IN ORDER, AFTER EACH SIDE HAD CHANCE TO REVIEW DRAFT AGREEMENT AGAIN IN VIEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF LARGE NUMBER OF CHANGES IN POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS THAT HAD OCCURRED IN EACH GOVERNMENT SINCE TIME THAT U.S. HAD PROPOSED NEW AGREEMENT. U.S. SIDE REITERATED THAT ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS NOT INTENDED TO RESTRICT OR REDUCE COOPERATION IN MEDICAL FIELD BUT RATHER TO CREATE A VEHICLE FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION. MHW OFFICIALS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THEIR PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS INTERNAL DISSENSION OVER WHO WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR EXISTING MEDICAL SCIENCES AGREEMENT. NEITHER SIDE MADE COMMITMENTS ABOUT PROCEEDING WITH FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.

9. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM DEPT. BY CABLE, DR. IVAN BENNETT HELD PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH DR. ODA, JAPANESE CHAIRMAN OF HEPATITIS SYMPOSIUM, CONCERNING APPLICABILITY OF ABBOTT AUSRIA II HEPATITIS TEST IN JAPAN. DR. ODA STATED THAT HE USES THE AUSRIA TEST IN HIS LABORATORY IN PARALLEL WITH THE CONVENTIONAL REVERSE PASSIVE HEMOAGGLUTINATION TEST AND FINDS IT TO BE MORE SENSITIVE BUT CONSIDERABLY MORE EXPENSIVE. EXPENSE IS NOT PROBLEM IN CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON HEPATITIS BUT COULD BE FACTOR IN MASS SCREENING OF BLOOD SAMPLES FOR TRANSFUSION. HE DID NOT OFFER VIEWS ON MHW PRACTICE OF AUTHORIZING JAPAN RED CROSS TO USE ONLY AGGLUTINATION TEST. END LOU.

10. EMBASSY COMMENT: RESULTS OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ONCE AGAIN INDICATE THAT COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM IS ONE OF MOST PRODUCTIVE AND VALUABLE U.S.-JAPAN BILATERAL S&T RELATIONSHIPS. IT IS STRONGLY AND EFFICIENTLY MANAGED BY BOTH SIDES WITH A CONTINUITY THAT LEAVES ESSENTIALLY NOTHING TO CHANCE. RESEARCH PANELS COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS BY SHARING RESULTS PRIOR TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLICATION, CONDUCT FREQUENT SYMPOSIA AND EXCHANGES OF SCIENTISTS, AND ESTABLISH ENDURING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL FRIENDSHIPS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT FOR QUALITY. WE NOTE THAT DIRECTION OF RESEARCH UNDER PURVIEW OF PROGRAM IS SHIFTING STEADILY TOWARD DISEASES OF CONCERN

TO U.S. AND JAPAN AS HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND  
AWAY FROM DISEASES ENDEMIC TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF OVERALL REVIEW OF  
U.S.-JAPAN S&T RELATIONS CONDUCTED IN 1975. END COMMENT.

11. THIS MESSAGE CLEARED IN SUBSTANCE BY W. WALSH,  
OES/ENP/EN. DR. BENNETT HAS SAID THAT HE WILL BE HAPPY  
TO PROVIDE ORAL BRIEFING ON JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
AND WORK OF MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM TO DEPT. AND DHEW.  
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